

Age Group Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 24, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 9:30.

The first item of discussion was warm up lane space at the 2005 Short Course Age Group Champs venue in Radford. The general consensus was that not enough was available given the size of the meet. Hargrave was suggested as a site for 2006.

VSI should continue using the same formula that it has for the past 3 years in compiling the qualifying standards for Age Group Champs in 2006. (The goal is to create a qualifying standard such that there will be 40 entrants in each event.) We need to give it another year to see how, where, and if the numbers break down the way we think they should. After 2006, it may be necessary to go to the 32<sup>nd</sup> place rather than the 40<sup>th</sup>.

It was recommended that for the statewide AA meets, the standard to enter the meet be one AA per session. Once a swimmer had qualified for a particular session, that swimmer be able to swim 2 additional events in that session as a bonus as long as that swimmer had at least an A time in each bonus event.

The committee recommends that a fine of \$50 be levied against a club when a swimmer representing that club fails to compete in an event for which positive check in is required and has occurred. Of course, the referee's discretion is to be used.

The discussion then turned to the difference in qualifying times for Age Group Champs and Senior Champs, especially for the 13-14 age group. It was suggested that a time standard committee comprised of members of the Age Group and Senior Committee should be created so that the standards for Senior Champs are coordinated with Age Group Champs.

10 and younger swimmers will remain in a separate session at Age Group Champs.

It was recommended that the 9-10 100 and longer events at B/C Awards **not** be opened to 8 and younger swimmers.

Carl Warner informed those present that the coaches from the 10 LSC's that participated at Short Course Zones want the 15-18 swimmers to remain at Zones. The coaches also want to go back to the old Junior rule and grandfather in those swimmers who have swum at previous Sectionals. This will be a topic of discussion at the May Zones meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Simons for James Wolfle who was in Colorado Springs attending an Age Group Chair conference hosted by USA Swimming.